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FOLLOWING INFORMATION OBTAINED FROM AIR VIETNAM SOURCES SUPPLEMENTS THAT REPORTED IN REFTEL A. ANSWERS ARE KEYED TO QUESTIONS IN REFTEL B.

B. 3 CREW MEMBERS AND 5 FLIGHT ATTENDANTS

E. EXPLOSION OCCURRED IN WEBBER HOT WATER HEATING UNIT IN MATCO GALLEY ON STARBOARD SIDE IN MID SECTION BECAUSE OF MALFUNCTIONING HERMOSTAT AND PRESSURE RELIEF VALVE. MAIN FORCE OF EXPLOSION WAS IN LONGTITUDINAL AXIS AT SEAT LEVEL AND HIGHER.

F. GALLEY BADLY DAMAGED. ALSO SEVERAL COACH SEATS IMMEDIATELY IN FRONT OF GALLEY ON STARBOARD SIDE DAMAGED. COCKPIT DOOR WAS WEDGED IN. ONE METAL FRAGMENT MADE HOLE IN CEILING BUT DID NOT PIERCE SKIN. AIRCRAFT WAS BACK IN SERVICE BY AFTERNOON SEPT 8 WITH REPLACEMENT SEATS AND GALLEY FROM AIR VIETNAMS'S OTHER 727-100, WHICH WAS SENT TO TAIWAN FOR MAJOR OVERHAUL. APPLING

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